



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Office of Inspector General  
Washington, D.C. 20230

September 18, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

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RE: FOIA Request DOC-OIG-2019-002229

Dear Dr. Karron:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 7, 2019 and received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on September 9, 2019, in which you seek copies of "Reimbursement and Bonus information for [named former Special Agent]". The tracking number for your request is **DOC-OIG-2019-002229**.

Your September 7, 2019 email stated that you would provide detailed specifications for the records sought once the OIG has accepted your certification of identity. Please be advised that a certification of identity is not necessary because this is not a first party request for records. We ask that you provide clarification of your request for records pursuant to the Department's FOIA regulations. 15 C.F.R. § 4.6(c). Specifically, we require clarification regarding the dates and types of "reimbursement and bonus information" you seek. Department of Commerce FOIA regulations state that, a "FOIA request must reasonably describe the agency records sought, to enable Department personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort... Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, subject matter of the record, case number, file designation, or reference number, and the name and location of the office where the record(s) might be found." 15 C.F.R. § 4.4(c). Your request does not reasonably describe the records sought with sufficient specificity to enable the OIG to locate responsive records with a reasonable amount of effort. I am available to discuss your request if you would like to reformulate or modify your request. If you fail to provide sufficient detail by October 18, 2019, we will notify you in writing that your request has not been properly made, that no further action will be taken.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me or Laura Main, Government Information Specialist, by phone at (202) 482-5992 or via e-mail at [FOIA@oig.doc.gov](mailto:FOIA@oig.doc.gov).

Sincerely,  
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